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Sri P. JEEVANANDAM :—"இந்த உண்ணாவிரதத்திற்குக் காரணம் பெரிய அதிகாரிகள் தான். அங்குள்ள லேபர் கமிஷனருடைய நடைமுறை தான் இந்த உண்ணாவிரதத்திற்குக் காரணம். இந்தக் கமிஷனரும் தொழிலாளர்களும் ஒன்று சேர்ந்து சமரசம் பேசுவதற்கு இடம் கொடுக்கவில்லை. தொழிலாலர்கள் ஐந்து அல்லது ஆறு தடவைகள் வந்து கேட்டும்கூட சமரசம் பேசுவதற்கு இன்னும் கமிஷனர் இடம் கொடுக்க வில்லை. சாட்சிகளை கேட்க வில்லை. ஆகவே அவர்களுடைய கோரிக்கையை சபைக்கு கொண்டு வர வேண்டியதாக இருக்கிறது. இன்னும் அவர்களுக்கு gratuity கொடுக்க வில்லை. அவர்களுக்கு இரண்டு அணா தான் iucrement கொடுக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நிலைமையில் அவர்கள் கஷ்டப்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருப்பதை கொஞ்சம் கூட கவனிக்காமல் முதலாளிகள் இருக்கிறார்கள். இதைப் பற்றி மந்திரியினிடம் கூட சொல்லியாகி விட்டது. அவரும் இதை கவனிக்க வில்லை. அவர்கள் இருபது நாட்களாக உண்ணாவிரதம் இருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால் சபைக்கும் அதற்கும் சம்பந்தம் உண்டு. ஆகவே நடவடிக்கையை சபை ஒத்தி வைத்து விட்டு இதை இந்த சபை பரிசீலிக்க வேண்டும். இந்த சபை அதில் தலையிட வேண்டும்."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, this is a difficult enough matter to deal with, this kind of trouble between a private employer and employees. The Minister for Labour is trying his best, he has seen them and is trying his best to get the dispute composed. Naturally the thing will go before the Tribunal for settlement and I think hon. Members will respond to my appeal that we need not discuss the matter now."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Apart from that, how is it a matter of urgent public importance? From what fell from the hon. Member himself, we understand that it has been going on from the 12th of this month. The hon. Member could have discussed it during the Budget discussion."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The situation has now changed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever it may be, it is not an urgent matter because it has been there for a long time and it is a matter concerning the Labour Commissioner; it is a thing coming under his day-to-day administration. I, therefore, rule it out of order."

(2) STRIKE OF MUNICIPAL WORKERS IN ANDHRA.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. Potha Raju has given notice of the following adjournment motion :— 9-40 a.m.

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation arising out of the failure of the Government to settle the dispute of the municipal workers in all the municipal towns in the State, especially in Andhra districts which resulted in forcing the workers to go on a protest strike on 28th March 1953 in all the municipal towns in Andhra.' "

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" This is an urgent matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" A number of questions were already put on this subject in this House and I have allowed a number of supplementary questions also."

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SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" I know this question has been raised many times. We have approached the Hon. Minister concerned and so many applications and mahazars have been sent. But the Government have so far taken no action on them and this only shows the negligence of the Government. That is why the municipal workers are forced to go on a protest strike. I feel that it is necessary to discuss this matter as it is urgent."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not relate to a matter in which the Government have declared a lock-out but to an altogether different subject, viz., a strike voluntarily declared by the municipal workers."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" It is true that a number of questions and supplementary questions have been asked but all the same . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In my Note on ' Adjournment Motions ', I have explained the meaning of the word ' urgent ' and according to it, this is not an ' urgent ' matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point is that certain things are taking place in our State which culminate in a danger to law and order. Here it is an instance where the Government should have taken action earlier. Because they did not take action in time, there is a chance of some tension being created in the State. This kind of tension was created yesterday when the municipal workers decided to go on a protest strike for one day. We do not want such a tension to exist and hence it is a matter of public importance. Also we do not want such a situation to arise when the municipal workers may probably go on strike indefinitely. In this connection, I must also point out that when the municipalities were about to accept the demand about pay, the Government came in the way and stopped the municipalities from accepting the demand."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Chair was pleased to state that the workers are not employed in the Government factories but they are employed in municipal councils."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I did not say that. Perhaps the hon. Member has misunderstood me. Anyway, it is not a point of order.

" As I have stated already a Note on ' Adjournment Motions ' was circulated to the hon. Members and it will be translated into Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam so that hon. Members who are ignorant of English may also go through it.

" Now coming to the adjournment motion under discussion, a number of questions were already put in this House and I have allowed a number of supplementary questions on them. Apart from that, it is not an urgent matter of public importance. I rule it out of order."